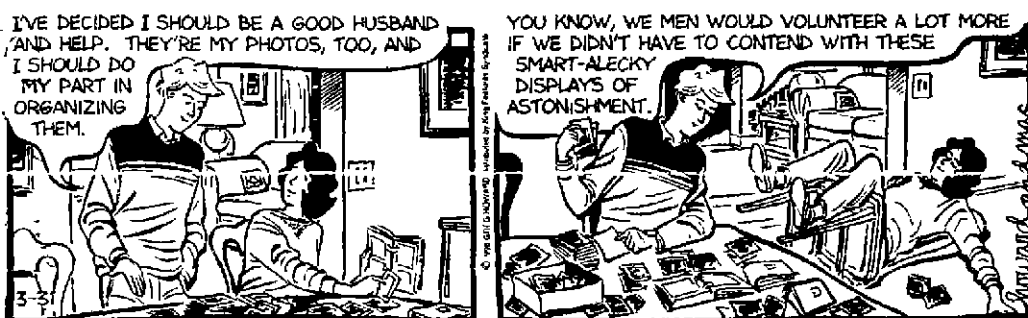


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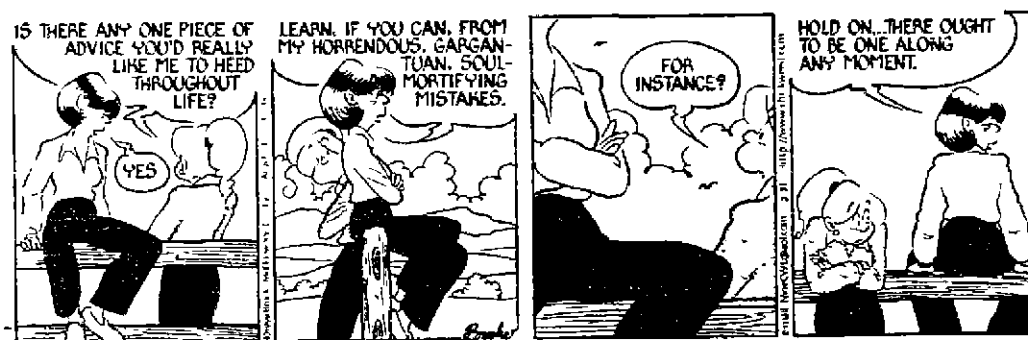
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THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



ANDY CAPP



ROSE IS ROSE



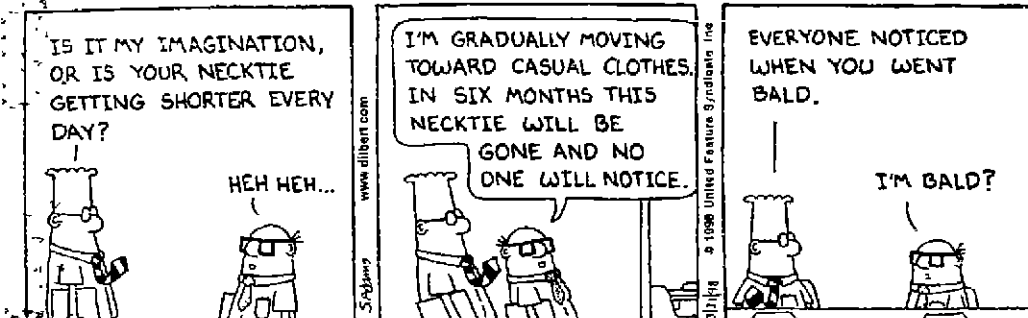
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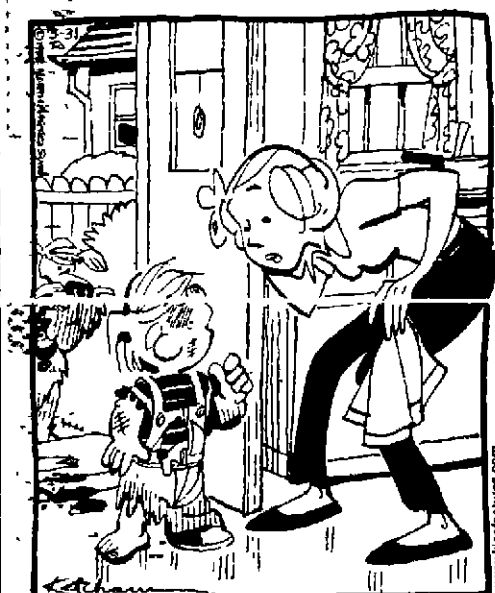
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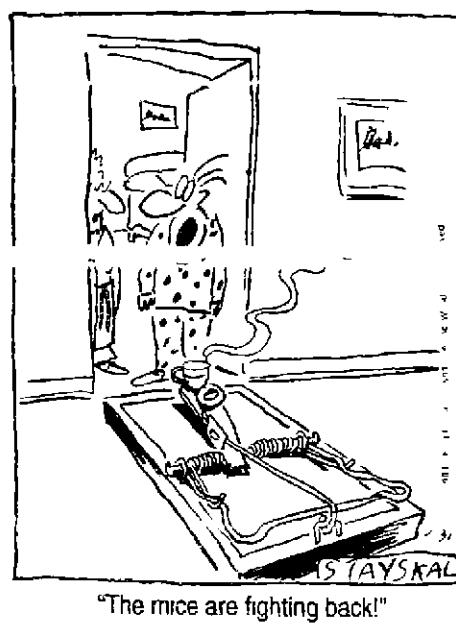
FAMILY CIRCUS



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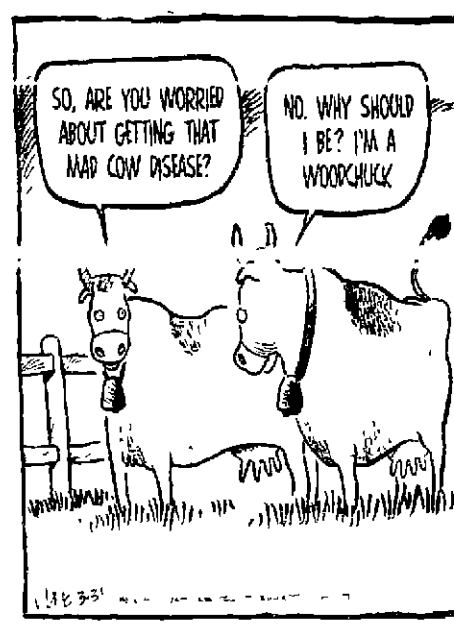
RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Actor William Daniels is 71. Hockey Hall-of-Famer Gordie Howe is 70. Actress Shirley Jones is 64. Country singer-songwriter John D. Loudermilk is 63. Actor Richard Chamberlain is 63. Musician Herb Alpert is 63. Actor Christopher Walken is 55. Comedian Gabe Kaplan is 53. Vice President Al Gore is 50. Actress Rhea Perlman is 50. Rock musician Angus Young (AC/DC) is 39. Actor Ewan McGregor is 27.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

Directions: Place each letter in its proper rack. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Better words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary, 4th Edition, and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). Judd's Solution Tomorrow 3:31-38.

PAR SCORE 120-130 by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

RACK 1: M, C, I, O, I, C, S

RACK 2: R, S, E, I, D, D, E

RACK 3: P, G, E, E, U, X, N

RACK 4: T, S, U, A, G, A, M

Double Word Score: RACK 2

Triple Word Score: RACK 3

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

Ending in "lled"

U R O L I E B Y V S O N F K H
E B Y W T R O L D D J I G E B
Y W U R P N K B K E L D I G D
D B Z X D I S T I L L E D E V
S O O M L E K I E L G L L E C
A F Y L W C L D R I L L E D U
S O E P N U E L L H A E J W H
F D E L C L A Y E C X P D V D
U S D E L L E Y O W F M M K
J H F O D E L L A T S O E C B
Z Y R X V D D E L L E C N A C

Monday's unlisted clue: INNER

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: IIE - HIS GAS TANK

Billed	Compelled	Dwelt	Stalled
Called	Culled	Felt	Swelled
Cancelled	Distilled	Killed	Yelled
Chilled	Drilled	Roll	

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For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Wednesday, April 1, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Hobbies that appeal might be of an intellectual, spiritual or philosophical nature. You might receive invitations for travel.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Be alert for a possible career opening from an unlikely source. In any case, you make important decisions regarding your career.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Group activities are highlighted. You can expect to have a happy time socializing.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Much of what you do is of a confidential nature, and you're successful. You might lend a hand to someone in need.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) When you open up to others, you get a beautiful response. You're articulate and charming.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Not only will you make good decisions about the use of your money, you'll come up with new ideas to add to your revenue sources.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You might become obsessed with a creative project. Local travel and partnership matters are happily accented.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Luck could come through a family member. An old problem is successfully resolved at last.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) No matter what the weather, it's a great time for leisure activities and companionship. Accept invitations. Make the most of the enjoyable day.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Your judgment is sound in work matters. You make decisions that will affect your future.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) It is a time of happy togetherness with a romantic interest. In fact, some make plans for marriage.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Sound planning coupled with good luck should put you in a better position financially by day's end.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

Today's South was a true miser. He saw a solid opportunity for an overtrick, and he lunged for it. He got what he deserved. In his quest for a 30-point overtrick,

he laid a vulnerable slam to rest. Dummy's club king won, and South greedily played three high diamonds, discarding his singleton spade. Had

West not ruffed the third diamond, South would have cross-ruffed in the black suits to win all 13 tricks. However, justice

triumphed. After West ruffed, he led a trump, and South could no longer win 12 tricks. He could ruff only one low club in dummy, and West collected a club and his diamond ruff for one down. A less scrupulous South would have willingly traded a spade loser for the bonus of his vulnerable slam. How

best to trade? Drawing trumps and leading a low spade toward dummy might appeal, but it's not the best plan. If West ducks cagily and South misguesses, East wins the queen and returns a club, and the slam falls one short. The best plan is to lead a low spade from dummy at trick two. Even if East alertly rises with his queen to return a trump, South still succeeds. He can ruff one low club in dummy and win a total of six trumps, three diamonds, two clubs and a club ruff for 12 tricks.

NORTH 03 31 A
K J 10 8 7 5
A Q
A K Q 7
K

WEST EAST
A 6 3 2 Q 4
5 4 8 3 2
9 6 J 10 5 4 3
Q J 9 7 2 10 6 5

SOUTH
9
K J 10 9 7 6
8 2
A 8 4 3

Vulnerable Both
Dealer South

The bidding
South West North East
2 S Pass 4 NT Pass
5 S Pass 6 S All pass
*weak two bid

Opening lead Club queen

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0217

ACROSS

- Site of St. Peter's
- Leg muscles, for short
- Swindle
- "Jeopardy!" host Trebek
- Reversed
- California Gov. Wilson
- Itsy-bitsy skirt
- Precalculator
- Corrida cheers
- "Dallas" ranch
- Fountain servings
- Union letters
- Airline seating class
- Matzo's lack it
- Early screen star Power
- Axis foes
- At any time, in poetry
- Physics units
- Teen hangout
- 50's band leader Perez
- Cross inscription
- East European
- Lingus
- Samples
- Off the mark
- A century after the Wright brothers' first flight
- Like an old oak tree
- G.I. entertainers
- Cinema chain
- Diving maneuver
- First name in gymnastics
- City south of Bartlesville
- Point after deuce, maybe
- dire (legal process)
- Have — of tea
- Karate school
- Start of North Carolina's motto
- Catapult missile
- Muhammad and others

DOWN

- St. Louis 11
- Hodgepodge
- Carte
- Kind of poll
- Hearty draft
- Open, as a barn door
- Month after Shebat
- Haggled
- Star Wars, initially
- "Hoobert Heever," e.g.
- Rostropovich's instrument
- Mr. T's TV show, with "The"
- Cluttered
- Bigot's emotion
- Swindle
- 19th-century literary inits.
- best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years. 1-888-7-ACROSS

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

AFAR ARDOR MATS
NOIR PIECE AQUA
GROVER CLEVELAND
LASER EVA LIGER
EYE ABSENCE ARE
ASA ONE
JAMES BUCHANAN
COPS TORRE SPOT
ARP PERSONA TOO
HELLO MAP DRESS
PLEASE AZORES
JOHN KENNEDY
ELITE ELITE ELITE
WORE DOLED TSKS

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